

Asserts CIA Needs Reorganization

EAU CLAIRE—As a solid supporter of John F. Kennedy in the last election, I am very distressed at recent events, namely the fiasco of the Cuban invasion. Although I do not always agree with The Capital Times, it deserves great credit for its forthright editorial soon after the election in which it criticized the continuation of Allen Dulles of the CIA and J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI.

What have been the two greatest propaganda victories scored by the Communists in the last decade? I submit they have been the ill-fated U-2 flight of Powers and the disastrous Cuban invasion attempt. Both were sponsored by the CIA and in the case of both the President of the United States has been the fall guy.

The Powers flight greatly undermined Eisenhower's effectiveness as a world leader for the remainder of his term. Although he has been in office but a short while Jack Kennedy's effectiveness has been greatly compromised.

The problem with our espionage system is two-fold:

1. Personnel—which is supposed to be "intelligence" but at crucial times has grossly miscalculated the nature of our adversary with a net result, when viewed from a global scale, of doing our cause much more harm than good.

2. Organization. The big difficulty with the CIA is that although one of our most important agencies it is entirely irresponsible. It answers to nobody (but when it makes a blunder the President takes the consequences).

No auditor is trusted to know how many Powers-like spies are paid \$30,000 a year. Indeed its funds are paid for out of money allocated to other agencies—we have given Allen Dulles, one-time Wall Street lawyer, a blank check to do as he pleases.

If his pleasure served our best interests we might forgive this irresponsibility, but human nature being what it is, it's always good to have a set of checks and balances. Responsibility must be taken for acts and the more serious the activity, the greater the responsibility.

We have a responsibility to our fine President, to ourselves and to the peoples of the world. We should urge the reorganization of our counter-intelligence into an agency which is responsible to the people.—Democrat

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